

## What is SARE?

Since 1988, the Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE) program has been the go-to USDA grants and outreach program for farmers, ranchers, researchers and educators who want to develop innovations that improve farm profitability, protect water and land, and revitalize communities. To date, SARE has awarded over \$3.6 million to more than 68 initiatives [1].

### SARE is grassroots with far-reaching impact

Four regional councils of expert practitioners set priorities and make grants in every state and island protectorate.

### SARE communicates results

SARE shares project results by requiring grantees to conduct outreach and grower engagement; and by maintaining an online library of practical publications, grantee-produced information products and other educational materials.

## SARE: Advancing the Frontier of Sustainable Agriculture in...

# Wyoming

Project Highlight: *Growing and Marketing Ancient Grains in Wyoming*

Markets for ancient grains such as spelt, emmer, and einkhorn are growing due to their nutritional qualities and well-liked flavor. In addition, they are reported to require lower water and nutrient inputs than modern varieties. Caitlin Youngquist, Extension Educator at the University of Wyoming, considered that conducting research and working with farmers on these grains could help meet some of Wyoming's agricultural challenges. According to Youngquist, challenges include low soil fertility and quality, saline and alkaline soils, arid conditions, high crop evapotranspiration demands, and isolation from markets.

Youngquist and her partners studied the nitrogen and water demands of the three grains; evaluated crop performance in various growing regions of the state, quantified costs and benefits associated with growing ancient grains in the state; assessed impacts of growing conditions on grain quality; and worked to develop local markets for cooking and baking. The research was conducted at three University of Wyoming research stations in addition to five on-farm trials. The team hosted numerous presentations, baking workshops, Facebook Live events, and field days. They sent product samples to six food bloggers. Several bulletins and fact sheets were developed for the public from this project.

For more information on this project, see [sare.org/projects](https://www.sare.org/projects), and search for project number OW19-340.

## SARE in Wyoming

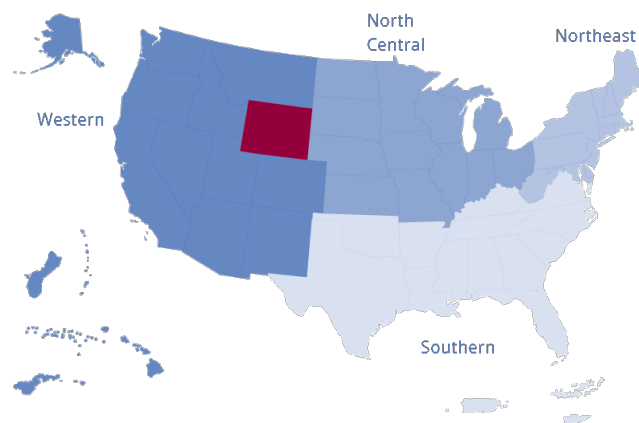
[western.sare.org/state-profiles/wyoming/](https://www.western.sare.org/state-profiles/wyoming/)

**\$3,613,817**  
in total funding

**68 grant projects**

(since 1988 [1])

For a complete list of grant projects state by state, go to [projects.sare.org/state-fact-sheets/](https://www.projects.sare.org/state-fact-sheets/)



[1] These totals reflect available data; complete information may not be available for all grant programs prior to 2016.

# SARE in Wyoming, 2019–2024

This is a summary of recent SARE-funded activities and impacts in the state. To search all SARE projects visit [projects.sare.org](https://projects.sare.org). For a list of all projects in this state visit [projects.sare.org/state-fact-sheets/](https://projects.sare.org/state-fact-sheets/).

## Grants awarded

Total awards: **15 grants**

- 3 Farmer/Rancher
- 1 Professional Development Program
- 5 On Farm Research/Partnership
- 2 Graduate Student
- 3 PDP State Program [2]
- 1 Local Ed & Demo (formerly RGR)

Total funding: **\$784,116**

- \$60,050 Farmer/Rancher
- \$75,648 Professional Development Program
- \$324,790 On Farm Research/Partnership
- \$59,873 Graduate Student
- \$164,522 PDP State Program [2]
- \$99,233 Local Ed & Demo (formerly RGR)

[2] The Professional Development Program (PDP) State Program is a non-competitive award that funds the activities of the state coordinator(s). See more below.

For a complete list of awards by state, visit: [projects.sare.org/state-fact-sheets/](https://projects.sare.org/state-fact-sheets/)

## Farmer and rancher impacts

SARE grantees have reported the following impacts from their projects:

**4,025 farmers participated in a SARE-funded project**

**103 farmers reported a change in knowledge, awareness, skills or attitude**

**11 farmers changed a practice**



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Learn about local impacts at: [western.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/wyoming/](https://western.sare.org/sare-in-your-state/wyoming/)

## Contact Your SARE State Coordinator

SARE sustainable ag coordinators run state-level educational programs for Extension and other ag professionals, and many help grant applicants and recipients with planning and outreach. Visit [western.sare.org/state-profiles/wyoming/](https://western.sare.org/state-profiles/wyoming/) to learn more.

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